
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5260

AN ACT RESTRICTING THE USE OF METHOPRENE.

SUMMARY:

Starting October 1, 2013, this bill prohibits anyone from introducing any product containing methoprene into any catch basin, brook, stream, river, lake, pond, sound, or other body of water unless the public health commissioner declares a public health emergency related to life-threatening mosquito-borne illness. In such an emergency, only duly licensed applicators may apply methoprene, and the application must be in accordance with the federal Clean Water Act.

Under the bill, anyone who willfully violates these provisions is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, which is punishable by up to one year imprisonment, a fine of up to \$2,000, or both.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Methoprene

Methoprene (isopropyl (2E-4E)-11-methoxy-3,7,11-trimethyl-2,4-dodecadienoate) is a larvicide that is introduced into still water to combat mosquito larvae.

Clean Water Act

The federal Clean Water Act (33 USC 1251, et seq.) regulates (1) discharges of pollutants into the waters of the United States and (2) quality standards for surface waters.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 27 Nay 2 (03/23/2012)